IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Luc Vandevenne et al

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Title: Three Stage Multi-Point Closure System for Luggage

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final communication mailed May 14, 2007, please amend the Claims according to the attached "amendedclaims.pdf".

Comments:

Applicants, through their attorney, gratefully acknowledge the indication that original Claim 9, if amended to incorporate all the limitations of the base claim 1 and all intervening claims, would be allowed. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance and grant of the subject application, Applicants have thus amended Claim 9, cancelled the now superfluous Claims 1, 2, 4, and 5, and made all remaining claims depend directly or indirectly depend from now allowable independent Claim 9. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner may call the undersigned attorney at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

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